• cash planned. Despite so innocuous an agenda,

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bv Italian troops, no longer existed, evoked a nk ItaHan delegate, who indlgnantly insisted on the continued e^tence of the Albaman Government,
*A™^* to pay its way as a non-mtervener. S . te Sp»a> C,vil WK. with the fa-nigh, shortly players not yet word-perfect, costumes and
p l l requiring attention scene-sloiftcrs clumsy at their
duties spot-light not always finding the required face? Non-Intervention, a comedy, to be followed by Intervention, with markedly similar cast and action, but scarcely a comedy.

IV

As though to make good what Nazi bonfires had consumed,
many were writing books; many books were being published
and circulated. For each book destroyed, ten should be produced,
as in Gandhi's *Satyagraha* campaign, for each volunteer knocked
senseless, ten more came forward to offer meek pates. At night
typewriters tapped, pencils and pexis moved across paper. Rare
was it to find anyone who had never envisaged writing a book,
never thought that he or she might put down words, to be set
up in type and seen by other eyes. Vast quantities of manuscript
shifted through the post, to and from publishers, literary agents,
newspapers, periodicals. Much ink flowed, and much paper was
consumed. At conferences of librarians it was mentioned as an
encouraging circumstance that readers were ever increasing, and

desirous of non-fiction as well as fiction. The *Sunday Times* and

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while sending troops to fight for General Franco, aimed at protracting the conflict by also providing the Republican side with a certain amount of war material.